



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE 2800 MAIL ROOM

Group Art Unit: 2833

Examiner: P. NGUYEN

In re application of

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A SPRING CONTACT FOR AN ELECTRICAL CONNECTOR AND A CONNECTOR

INCLUDING IT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

For:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A connector, comprising:

a spring contact, wherein said spring contact is substantially U-shaped and has first and second branches and a base joining said first and second branches at one end for forming said U-shape, and wherein each of said first and second branches make electrical contact with a device, characterized in that said first and second branches lie in two diverging planes and the intersection of said two planes is within the base of the U-shape.